

## Featured Group: “Your Neighbors and Friends” Of Skycrest

On a cold, drizzly day last year, I drove out to join one of my Adopt-a-Road groups for a clean-up. The week before, I had been updating my files and noticed that one group's folder was particularly bulky, bursting with completion forms. I decided to find out more about this prolific group, so I called their contact at the time, Irana Hawkins, who invited me to join the fun.

Adopt-a-Road Group #769, “Your Neighbors and Friends,” started in 2001 when a group of neighbors got fed up with the amount of litter in their neighborhood; picking up a little here and there as



Top right: “Your Neighbors and Friends” pose for a group photo on Make a Difference Day. Bottom left: Flower garden tended by group with banner of Martin Luther King, Jr.

individuals never seemed to make a difference. So they organized a team and adopted several roads in their neighborhood. Four years later, they are still going strong, organizing two major clean-ups on Earth Day and Make a Difference Day, as well as smaller multiple cleanups throughout the year. Participating in Adopt-a-Road has fostered a true spirit of community. According to Ms. Hawkins: “We’ve created a delightful mural for our bus stop; others created a community flower garden.”

“Your Neighbors and Friends” is a truly inspirational group, and Adopt-a-Road is proud to have them.



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